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SUBJECT: BLUE LANTERN: VERIFYING BONA FIDES FOR BROKER
TAWFIK EL-RASHIDY - CASE NO. K-2307

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¶1. (SBU) In response to reftel request, Pol Off met with Tawfik el-Rashidy at the offices of the Kemet Corporation. El-Rashidy confirmed that he was authorized by the Egyptian Ministry of Defense to conduct brokering activities in Egypt. Kemet Corporation primarily deals with commercial design software like Autodesk and Adobe, but also acts as agent for Westcom to provide mobile cameras to the Egyptian Air Force. Kemet Corporation does not physically handle or store any items on the United States Munitions List (USML). The mobile cameras Kemet purchases go directly to the Egyptian military upon delivery. The company was established in 1980 and has 60 employees. El-Rashidy confirmed that he was familiar with restrictions on USML items, including the unauthorized re-transfer and re-export of items.

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